

WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS

(A compendium of Orders, Notifications, Acts and Ordinances affecting Business and Trade issued by the Central Government and the Government of Bombay, incorporating amendments upto 31st December 1943.)

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PREFACE

The Government of India passed the Defence of India Act, 1939, (No. XXXV of 1939), on 29th September 1939, and in pursuance of Section 2 thereof issued the Defence of India Rules. Some of these rules authorised the Central as well as the Provincial Governments to issue various types of Orders from time to time as the occasion and circumstances demanded. A large number of Orders have thus been issued and frequently altered and amended. These Orders are published in the Government Gazettes and only a limited copies are separately printed. They are so easily exhausted, that it is very difficult to secure the copies of the Orders.

In order to meet with this difficulty, I have undertaken the task of compiling and publishing in a book form all the Orders, Notifications, Acts and Ordinances issued by the Central Government as well as the Government of Bombay which affect business and trade. The book does not include Orders affecting law and order, export and import of articles, War Risk Insurance Scheme, Waggon priorities in Railways, delegation of powers to various Officers, etc. I have also omitted those Orders which fix or regulate the prices of commodities as these prices change frequently and are liable to be misleading. The primary consideration in preparing this compilation has been to give the complete law affecting business and trade prevailing in the City of Bombay. But a large number of Orders also apply to the whole of British India and a fairly good number to the whole of the Province of Bombay.

All the Orders etc., are grouped under suitable headings and arranged in alphabetical order except that within each chapter the Orders issued by the Central Government precede those issued by the Government of Bombay. In the beginning

of each Order, I have given the notification number, the Department issuing it and the date of issue. In the case of Orders issued by the Central Government, the words "Government of India" are specified. The rest are those issued by the Bombay Government and no specification is therefore considered necessary in such cases. In preparing this compilation, I have consulted the Bombay Government Gazette Parts I, IV, IVA, IVB and IVC and the Government of India Gazette Part I and Extraordinary of the last two months.

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Abbreviations.

- C. D. or D. C. ...Department of Commerce.
- C. S. D. ...Department of Civil Supplies.
- F. D. or D. F. ...Department of Food.
- F. D. (S.) ...Finance Department (Supply).
- G. D. or D. G. ...General Department.
- G. of I. ...Government of India.
- I. & C. S. D. ...Department of Industries and Civil Supplies.
- S. D. or D. S. ...Department of Supply
- W. D. or D. W. ...War Department.
- W. T. D. ...War Transport Department.